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Editor's Note

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ABSTRACT

A welcome note from the Editor-in-Chief.

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Welcome to the latest edition of the *Res Medica*.

The *Res Medica* is the Journal of the Royal Medical Society. Founded in 1957 by members of the *Society*,¹ it was intended to entertain a wider medical audience, beyond the “four walls” of the society, to share, debate and discourse topics of medicine, surgery and education.² The vision of the *Journal* began with a spirit of initiative and creativity knowing that it would be of use to the wider medical community in Edinburgh.

As such we at the *Journal* continue in this tradition by providing an open platform to share, debate and discourse topics in medicine and surgery to an international audience. Today, at the heart of this *Journal*, there is a vibrant medical community, and over 100 student doctors, trainee doctors, clinicians and academics were involved at each stage of the publication process: including reading, writing, reviewing and editing articles.

In this issue, alongside our regular intake of student and junior doctor led clinical articles, we have specially published three commissioned articles by experts in global health, written with medical students and young doctors in mind. We learn about the

relevance of global governance to medical students from a former representative of the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (*see Guinto*), the WHO's transformative education agenda of health professionals written by a prominent leader in this programme (*see Wheeler et al*), and a successful publishing model that has resulted in several outstanding textbooks that have become UK bestsellers, that relies primarily on junior doctors and medical students (*see Qureshi et al*).

Serving as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal* over the last two years has been a privilege. It has been a pleasure to work with a strong team of editors, advisors and contributors who have contributed to re-establishing the *Journal* as one of the leading student-led medical Journals in the world.

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¹ The Royal Medical Society is a medical students' society founded in 1737 and began when a half a dozen students met together regularly for a month to dissect the human body and increase their knowledge of anatomy. Its philosophy of self-education aims attracted some of its best students, including William Cullen, Charles Darwin, Sir James Young Simpson, Joseph Lister, William Withering, Thomas Addison, Thomas Hodgkin. Even Albert Schweitzer was a member of this Society. Gray JA. History of the Royal Medical Society, 1737-1937. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 1952.

² Gray JA. Editorial. *Res Medica*, Winter 1957, 1(1): 9-10 doi:10.2218/resmedica.v1i1.285